

Eric Newman <

#### FYI, Eric, from Dave B

1 message

Dave Bowers < To: "Eric P. Newman" Sun, Jan 17, 2010 at 1:10 AM

[mailto: From:

**Sent:** Sunday, January 17, 2010 1:04 AM

Cc:

To:

**Subject:** Re: Dr. Mease's Catalogue

Gentlemen:

Dave and Len have hit the high points about Dr. Mease, whose publications in the Proceedings of the New-York Historical Society in 1821, and in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1834 and again in 1837 are generally considered to be the first publications on numismatics in periodicals in the United States. He probably had a collection of coins and medals, as well, although I have not been able to document this supposition.

Mease led a fascinating life outside of numismatics. He stayed with Dr. Benjamin Rush in 1793 when most doctors fled the Philadelphia yellow fever epidemic (although the harsh methods they used probably killed many of their patients). He also was the father-in-law of one of the most celebrated actresses of the 19th century, Fanny Kemble. In between, he helped to settle a dispute in Philadelphia about the location of the home where Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, by the simple method of writing Jefferson to ask him.

Eric Newman wrote an article about Dr. Mease in *The Numismatist* back in the 90s, and I wrote one for *The* Asylum about ten years ago. I'm traveling right now, but if anyone is interested, I'll provide the citations once I return home next Wednesday.

Best regards,

Joel

----Original Message-----

From: Leonard Augsburger <

To: Bowers Dave <

Cc: Joel Orosz < Wayne Homren David

Sundman <

Sent: Sat, Jan 16, 2010 12:08 pm Subject: RE: Dr. Mease's Catalogue All-

As usual, John Adams is way ahead of us, for Washington's letter of transmittal was discussed in his Comitia Americana book in the chapter on the Wayne medal.

Regarding the Mease catalog, David Fanning recently offered a copy at:

http://www.fanningbooks.com/Bookshelf3Web.pdf (lot 300)

What I find interesting about the letter of transmittal is that it mentions a copy of the Mease catalog as of 1817. So far as we know, the catalog initially published in 1821 as an article in "Collections of the New-York Historical Society." This indicates that Mease was at the task even four years earlier. I am sure Joel will have further comments.

Regards, Len.

From: To: CC: 

Subject: RE: Dr. Mease's Catalogue Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 10:19:57 -0500

Dave B to Dick MacMaster (brother-in-law, historian, author, etc.) with copies to some numismatists.

Dear Dick,

Thanks! Haven't picked up the NYT yet today. Buy it every Fri and Sat for the puzzle, and Sunday for the puzzle and other sections.

Mease was a pioneer figure in numismatics and is known to serious historians. Appended is a bit about him from my 2001 book, American Numismatics Before the Civil War.

Today in 2010, and in recent times, there has been a renewed interest in numismatic history and also in early medals —the two go together. I'll read the article as soon as I get the paper.

Best wishes,

DAVE B

At a time when 'coin collectors' in the United States were popularly considered little better than monomaniacs, two or three gentlemen—Dr. J.B. Felt, of Salem, Mass., Mr. J. Francis Fisher, of Baltimore, and Dr. Jas. Mease, of Philadelphia [1]—were deeply interested in the subject., and communicated the results of their investigations to societies of which they were members, or published them in a separate form.

In the 3d vol. of the New-York Historical Society's Collections (pp. 387-404), will be found a highly interesting paper by Dr. Mease, giving a description of 17 medals struck with reference to America; and this paper the Massachusetts Historical Society republished (Coll., vol. 4, 3d Series, 1834), together with additional particulars from the same hand

concerning 33 medals presented to the officers of the war of 1812-14; and also of 4 other miscellaneous American medals....

Although Felt would be recognized as the author of a pioneering book, the names of Messrs. Fisher and Mease were scarcely known to a later generation of numismatists.

**[mailto:** From: Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 9:20 AM

To: **Subject:** Dr. Mease's Catalogue

Good Morning, Dave!

On the first page of the Arts Section in this morning's NY Times, there is a photo of a letter from George Washington to "Mad" Anthony Wayne (for whom The County is named, as you know) about a medal awarded by Congress to General Wayne in 1790. In the lower left hand corner there is a notation in 1817 that Dr. Mease included a description of this medal in his catalogue.

Dr. James Mease (1771-1846) was the son of John Mease (1746-1826) from Strabane, Co. Tyrone, one of the Philadelphia flaxseed merchants in my book. He was a medical doctor interested in scientific agriculture. Was he also a pioneer American numismatist?

All the best,

Dick

[1] Mease, a prominent Philadelphian and member of the Academy of Natural Sciences, prepared a catalogue of Peale's Philadelphia Museum and was an acquaintance of naturalist John James Audubon, introducing him to scientists in the city at the start of the latter's career. Joshua Francis Fisher (1808-1873) was from Philadelphia, not Baltimore.

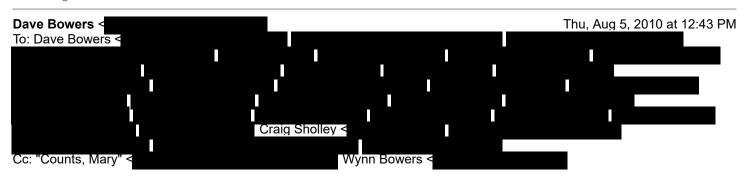
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Eric Newman <

## Forwarded message from EPN

1 message



#### Dear Rittenhouse members:

I well not be able to be with you physically at breakfast this year but will be enthusiastically with you in spirit. All of you with your excellent numismatic writing have made my life so exciting and have become my mentors. I cannot thank you enough. Thrive. Eric P. Newman.

AM



## **RE: Computer changeover from Dave Bowers**

5 messages

Dave Bowers <	Tue, Aug 24, 2010 at 10:31
To: Cc: "Bressett, Kenneth	

Hi!

If you want to send a picture or PDF of a few pages of the typescript I could probably come up with an idea.

Teenager Phil Greco came to Johnson City and was in residence for a short time at Empire Coin Co. This was in the era of great enthusiasm, with great enthusiasm, with new discoveries being made now and again. Prime enthusiasts were Eric P. Newman, Walter Breen, Ken Rendell, Ken Bressett, Jim Ruddy, and me—plus a handful of others. Al Hoch was a great publisher, but not involved in correspondence about specific die varieties. JJF was interested, had a lot of coins, but was too busy to write about them or share info on what he had—although I always had a warm reception if I visited him at 176 Hendrickson Ave., Rockville Centre, LI, to see his coins; he would always let me look through his boxes, which were typically untouched by him, and had the coins in their envelopes written by Raymond, Boyd, or others. Eric always had info on just about anything and everything and shared it readily—you could take his info to the bank.

References were few and far between, as you know. We all loved colonial and state coins. This was in an era before the Colonial Newsletter, etc.

I will send this to Ken Bressett and Eric PN in case they have any comments.

**DAVE** 

From: [mailto: Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 9:53 AM

To:

**Subject:** Re: Computer changeover from Dave Bowers

Hi Dave,

I am cataloguing a set of the Greco Massachusetts cents and half cents plates for my next auction and wonder if you can add any personal observations.

That they are rare goes without saying. The only other set I have had was Al Hoch's set and that was perhaps 20 years ago. His reminiscences at that time have faded.

I was surprised to see (in your colonial book) that you had hired Greco at Empire to do research, particularly on Mass copper.

I think my main questions are. Do you recall where the coins on the plates came from (ANS, MHS, ??), and who did the photography which is razor sharp. I suspect it was Hoch as the plates remind me of those in the early numbers of CNL.

The plates are also supported by a 32 page typescript "The Copper Coinage of Massachusetts." marked "Copy 2." I never knew that there was such a text (if there were only 2 copies, I can see why), and wonder if this was part of the Empire research project.

Any insights would be greatly appeciated.

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Sincerely,

Charles Davis Numismatic Literature P.O. Box 547 Wenham, MA 01984

Tel: (978) Fax: (978)

http://www.vcoins.com/ancient/charlesdavis

Early American Coppers 142 American Numismatic Association 60027

In a message dated 10/25/2009 12:30:29 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

writes:

Hi!

I have just switched from MS Vista to Window 7. In the process all the e-mail addresses to whom I've sent messages to or received messages from no longer appear automatically when I type the first few letters of a name.

I am sending you this message to restore that capability. No reply necessary.

Have a nice day!

**DAVE BOWERS** 

#### Kenneth Bressett <

Tue, Aug 24, 2010 at 12:08 PM

To: Dave Bowers < Cc:

I remember Phil Greco and his plates, but I never did manage to get a set of them. Frustrated, I began to assemble my own set of Massachusetts copper photos with the aid of Dick Picker. We were never able to locate high-grade examples of every variety of the cents. Our Mass cent project was eventually abandoned, but we did produce some nice half-cent plates.

---Ken

From: Dave Bowers [mailto:

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 8:31 AM

To:

Cc: 'Bressett, Kenneth'

**Subject:** RE: Computer changeover from Dave Bowers

[Quoted text hidden]

No virus found in this incoming message.

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Version: 9.0.851 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/3091 - Release Date: 08/24/10 00:34:00

Dave Bowers <

Tue, Aug 24, 2010 at 1:02 PM

To: Kenneth Bressett < Cc:

Dear Charlie,

Seeing that the Greco plates are dated 1962 this is several years after the Newman-Bowers-Rendell-Bressett-et al. scenario, but in 1962 there was still lots of growth and anticipation, and the Colonial Newsletter was the forum for interchange.

qdb

From: Kenneth Bressett [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 12:08 PM

To: 'Dave Bowers';

Cc:

[Quoted text hidden]



Tue, Aug 24, 2010 at 2:09 PM

Dear Dave:

I received your and other recent comments about the Phil Greco Massachusetts coppers varieties. I believe I have a complete set of Greco's photographic plates in my file in St. Louis. I am away fir there present and will be home after Labor Day. Do you have or need these?.

[Quoted text hidden]

Dave Bowers <
To:
Co:

Tue, Aug 24, 2010 at 2:12 PM

Hi!

I don't need, but Charlie Davis, herewith copied, is offering a set of them along w Phil Greco's typescript (which I believe to be very rare).

Enjoy the day.

**DAVE** 

From: [mailto: Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2:09 PM]

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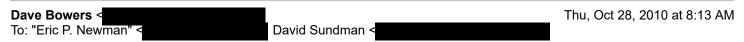
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Eric Newman <

## (no subject)

1 message



Not very good pic of early New Hampshire state flag on display at the NH Historical Society



Continental dollar NH State flag at NH Hist Soc.JPG 365K

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## St. Louis theme, so passed along

2 messages

Dave Bowers <

Wed, Feb 2, 2011 at 11:47 PM

January, 2010, the weather stayed so cold in St. Louis, Missouri and Alton, Illinois that the bald eagles were cruising over houses in hopes of a quick meal.

They could not access fish that were at the bottom of the river and had gathered together.

Some kind souls decided to feed the eagles so they would survive the cold spell.

They gathered fish and started feeding the group of eagles huddled on the shore.

The photos below show what happened. A retired teacher took these photos in front of his home.

Incredible!

Feeding the Eagles!



A beautiful morning feeding the eagles, Jan. 2010



Once the fish were thrown, the eagles did not seem to fear

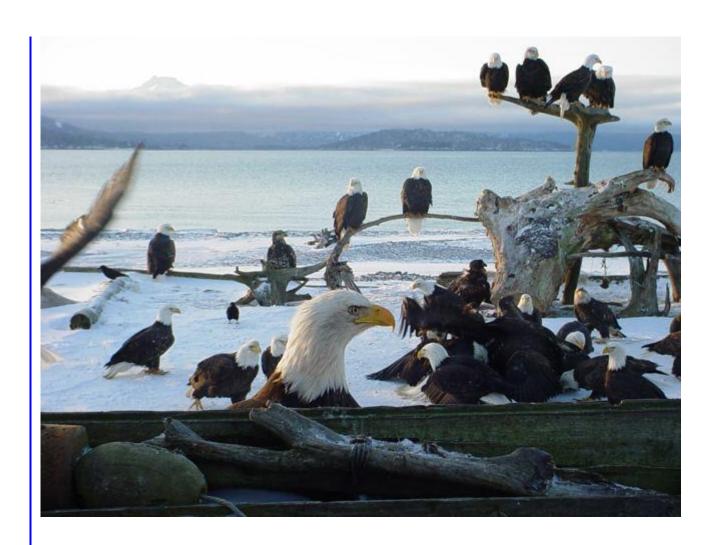
the good Samaritans and word spread fast!



Eagles vying for the fish, January, 2010.



No zoom lens used here! The photographer was this close!





Here are the men who were feeding them. So close!
As you know, it was not too long ago that the American
Bald Eaglewas an endangered species.

## Amazing pictures --- please pass along!

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To:

#### Dear Dave:

You certainly have an eagle eye. We used to see perhaps a dozen eagles just below a dam when the Mississippi River was frozen down to Alton Illinois but have never seen anything like you sent us. I think they have the date wrong but whatever year they meant makes no difference. Thanks. Eric

[Quoted text hidden]



Eric Newman <

### Fw: Eric Newman Gold Medal Presentation

1 message

Tue, Mar 29, 2011 at 12:10 PM

----Original message-----

From: David Bowers < To: 'Dick Johnson' <

"Adams, John'" <

Cc:

Sent: Tue, Mar 29, 2011 15:30:16 GMT+00:00 Subject: RE: Eric Newman Gold Medal Presentation

Hi Dick,

Perhaps send an invitation out to all RS members who can attend. Dave Alexander, for example, lives in the area as does John Kraljevich, et al. I'll copy Andy Newman on this.

I talked w John Adams following my talk with Andy N yesterday, and John and I would like to visit Eric at his summer home on Martha's Vineyard in June, if Eric would welcome this. We would have the opportunity to spend some quality time.

Can you take a few pix at the NYC presentation?

Best wishes,

DAVE B

From: Dick Johnson [mailto:

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:15 AM

**To:** Adams, John; Dave Bowers

Subject: Eric Newman Gold Medal Presentation

John and Dave:

I just got word from Andy Newman. The presentation of the Gold Medal will be at 12:45 on Sunday, May 29th at the Pierre Hotel on Fifth Avenue in NYC.

The family has to leave at 1:15 for a family luncheon. Thus we have only a very brief window of a half hour for presentation and photographs.

Again, an invitation to you both if you can join in the presentation if you can be in NYC that day.

#### Dick

-- Original Message -----

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:53 AM

Subject: hi Mr Medalist

It was great to meet you over the phone---or more accurately to re-meet you after a mere half-century hiatus.

As we discussed, Eric and a few other family members will be glad to welcome you to the Hotel Pierre at 12:45pm on Sunday May 29 for the presentation of the medal. My guess is that this would be done in Eric & Evelyn's hotel room, but we can work that detail out later. We will need to leave the hotel for a family luncheon at 1:15 or so.

As I understand it, you plan to bring the artist Luigi Badia with you, and perhaps one or two members of the Rittenhouse Society who may be in New York at the time.

I can always be reached at this email address or my cell

Once again, thank you for this wonderful concept of creating a medal to honor my father's 100th Birthday.

Andy Newman

St. Louis, MO



Eric Newman <

#### (no subject)

2 messages



May 25, 2011

12:00.01 a.m. or thereabouts!

#### Dear Eric,

From all of your fine friends in the RITTENHOUSE SOCIETY, warm wishes and love to you on your centenary. You have enriched all of our lives and those around you in other venues. Here is wishing you many more happy years.

All of us at the RITTENHOUSE SOCIETY



#### Dear Eric:

You are not only the Nestor of numismatic scholarship, you are the bester Nestor we've ever had!

Hats off to you upon the completion the completion of your tenth decade, and all good wishes for many more successful projects during your eleventh!

With warm regards,

#### Joel

[Quoted text hidden]



Eric Newman

## Martha's Vineyard

1 message



Hi John and Chris,

Had a nice annual birthday call w EPN late yesterday afternoon. Of course, this was a SPECIAL birthday.

We discussed a visit to see him out in Martha's Vineyard sometime soon, hopefully in June. He said that Cape Air flies out of Boston.

After Memorial Day we can plan at this end and I can check w Eric at his end. The best plan would probably be to select a time frame, then on the first really nice day communicate w Eric and with each other and fly out there (assuming that Cape Air does not require reservations far in advance).

**DAVE** 

Dear Eric,

Great to talk w you. I kept watching the Weather Channel, and glad that all is okay w non-tornado activity in St. Louis.

**DAVE** 

1/21/2019 Gmail - FYI



Eric Newman <

**FYI** 

1 message

David Bowers <

Fri, Jul 8, 2011 at 10:41 PM

Ordered a pair of EPN medals!

qdb

writes:



## Re: qdb 1 message

**<** To:

Thu, Sep 1, 2011 at 2:53 PM

In a message dated 9/1/2011 2:06:21 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

#### Dear Dave:

Thank you for the delayed report (I did not receive the mentioned earlier one) on the proposed 2011 summer visit to us in Martha's' Vineyard. We are planning to leave there on September 6, 2011 for St. Louis where my wife and I will have a ton of mail and piled up projects. I am glad your family health problems were cured so that the European vacations could be taken. Thanks again for all the wonderful work you did for me on the Rittenhouse Society medal. I ordered full size copies of the galvanos. :Eric

In a message dated 8/31/2011 10:58:32 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,

writes:

Dear Eric,

I thought I had send this, but I can't find a copy in my "sent" file. Excuse if redundant.

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As Wynn and family had a mixture of illness and extensive travels (Switzerland and France, Calif, then grandson John at ANA, then a week here in NH), the summer has flown by. Today at lunch Chris K and I discussed our Martha's Vineyard visit. This next week CK will be traveling, then the week after that the Whitman Expo in Phila. Assuming you are still at Martha's Vineyard, would the third week of Sept be a possibility. John Adams said earlier in the summer that it was not in his schedule possibilities, but perhaps he is open in late Sept, so I will copy him on this.

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Plan B would be for Chris K and me to visit you in St. Louis.

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All the best,

DAVE B



## Fwd: You still think English is easy...?

1 message

To:

Sat, Jan 7, 2012 at 3:44 PM

From:

Sent: 1/6/2012 8:34:26 P.M. Central Standard Time

Subj: You still think English is easy...?

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You still think English is easy...?

Read all the way to the end. This took a lot of work to put together!

- 1) The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
- 2) The farm was used to produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
- 4) We must polish the Polish

furniture..

- 5) He was <u>reading</u> as the train sped through <u>Reading</u>
- 6) The soldier decided to <u>desert</u> his dessert in the <u>desert..</u>
- 7) Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
- 8) A <u>bass</u> was painted on the head of the <u>bass</u> drum.
- 9) When shot at, the **dove** into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- 12) There was a <u>row</u> among the oarsmen about how to <u>row</u>.
- 13) They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- 14) The buck <u>does</u> funny things when the <u>does</u> are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a <u>sewer</u> fell down into a <u>sewer</u> line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
- 17) The <u>wind</u> was too strong to <u>wind</u> the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the <u>tear</u> in the painting I shed a <u>tear.</u>.
- 19) I had to <u>subject</u> the <u>subject</u> to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?
- 21) If the <u>lead</u> weight was removed the <u>lead</u> would be lighter

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Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in

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eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig..

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by

people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick' ?

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You lovers of the English language might enjoy this ... There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is

<u>'UP.</u>'

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake <u>UP</u>? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write <u>UP</u> a report? We call **UP** our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish <u>UP</u> the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir <u>UP</u> trouble, line <u>UP</u> for tickets, work <u>UP</u> an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special. A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed

#### <u>UP</u> about <u>UP!</u>

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of <u>UP</u>, look the word <u>UP</u> in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes <u>UP</u> almost 1/4th of the page and can add <u>UP</u> to about thirty definitions.

If you are <u>UP</u> to it, you might try building <u>UP</u> a list of the many ways <u>UP</u> is used.

It will take <u>UP</u> a lot of your time, but if you don't give <u>UP</u>, you may wind <u>UP</u> with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding <u>UP</u>.

When the sun comes out we say it is clearing <u>UP</u>.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things <u>UP</u>.

When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry <u>UP</u>.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so.....it is time to shut UP!

Now it's <u>UP</u> to you what you do with this email.

You still think English is easy...?

1/18/2019 Gmail - Help me



Eric Newman <

## Help me

2 messages

David Bowers < To: David Sundman < Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 3:37 PM

Dear Dave (copy to Eric)

On p 226 of the EPN magnum opus, 5<sup>th</sup> ed, three series of NH notes are listed:

May 20, 1717

May 20, 1717 backdated to 1714

May 20, 1717 redated 1717

Now, the May 20, 1717 backdated to 1714 section says this was redated from the smaller denomination plate of May 20, 1717. HOWEVER, to my eye the smaller plate of the May 20, 1717 issue has slightly different denominations in that the highest on the small plate is 15s. On the other hand on the May 20, 1717 backdated to 1714 plate the highest denomination is 25s

Further complicating this for me is that the pic of the May 20, 1717 redated 1717 clearly is for 15 shillings, a denomination not listed for this series.

Dave, I wonder if you might guide me step by step through this.

- May 20, 1717 redated 1717

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The book would seem to indicate that the smaller denomination May 20, 1717 plate is the same as the May 20, 1717 backdated to 1714 plate and that the May 20, 1717 redated 1717 plate is another plate entirely.

QDB Wondering in Wolfeboro

David Bowers < To: David Sundman < Fri, Feb 17, 2012 at 3:48 PM

Cc:

Dave, now I see a plate explanation.

If you have anything to add to the EPN text, advise. Also explain the 3<sup>rd</sup> title of 1717 redated 1717

**DAVE** 

# **Issue of May 20, 1717**

#### On the first plate:

- 1 shilling •
- 1 shilling 6 pence •
- 4 shillings 6 pence •
- 25 shillings •

#### On the second plate

- 15 shillings •
- 30 shillings •
- £3, 10 shillings •
- £4 ·



Eric Newman <

#### (no subject)

1 message

#### David Bowers < To: David Bowers <

Thu, Feb 23, 2012 at 10:42 PM

I am sending this to some friends interested in numismatic history and tradition. JKL was sort of an enigma, and this does shed a light on some of his other collecting persuasions.

These are low res but the page w the pic is higher res

Best wishes,

DAVE V

#### 8 attachments



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Lilly, Josiah K. 007.jpg 250K



Lilly, Josiah K. 006.jpg 285K

Lilly, Josiah K. 005.jpg 307K





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Lilly, Josiah K. 002.jpg 211K



Lilly, Josiah K. 001.jpg 202K

# Manuscripts

Volume LXIV—Number 1 Winter 2012



Medieval Manuscripts From Newport, R.I.

## For Bibliophiles and Presidential Collectors

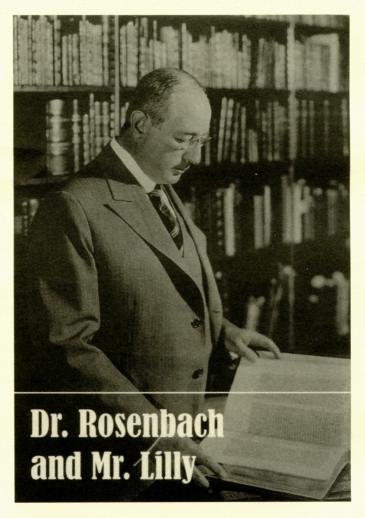
#### WILLIAM BUTTS

SILVER, Joel. Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly: Book Collecting in a Golden Agr. New Castle, DE: Oak Knoll Press, 2011. Small 4to. Clothbound, dust jacket. xiv, 144pp. Illustrations. \$49.95.

KOSCHAL, Stephen. James A. Garfield: A Signature Study with a Focus on His Presidential Signatures. Boynton Beach, FL: Rainbow Press, 2011. 4to. Softbound. 90pp. Numerous illustrations. Limited to 50 signed, numbered copies. \$15.00.

I was delighted to learn that Oak Knoll Press – friend to book and autograph collectors everywhere – was bringing out an affordable trade edition of my friend Joel Silver's *Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly: Book Collecting in a Golden Age*, which the fine press publisher Bird & Bull Press of Newtown, Pennsylvania had published in 2010 in a sumptuous slipcased quarter leather edition limited to 140 copies – at about *one-tenth* the price. An under-fifty-dollar price should guarantee a whole new audience for this fun bibliophilic tale, as stunning as the \$425 Bird & Bull Press edition is.

Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly is hardly the tale of two BFFs (Bibliophilic Friends Forever) - the Odd Couple of the book world



would be more accurate. "Dr. Rosenbach was never Lilly's closest confidante in the trade," remarks Silver, "nor was he ever Lilly's primary bookseller." A.S. W. Rosenbach (1876-1952), "Dr. R." or "Rosey" to his friends, was probably the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most famous rare book dealer, a flamboyant Philadelphia legend whose spectacular buys and antics were regular newspaper fodder, who helped this country's wealthiest industrialists (a la Huntington, Morgan, etc.) form the most famous rare book

libraries around, and whose Philadelphia digs are open to the public as The Rosenbach Museum & Library. Josiah K. Lilly Jr. (1893-1966) was a well-heeled Indiana businessman, the conservative, no-nonsense president of Eli Lilly and Company, the pharmaceutical behemoth founded by his grandfather. Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly chronicles the business relationship and semi-friendship that evolved over the course of 20 years between these two wealthy, middle-aged businessmen who could scarcely be more different from one another. Joel Silver, by the way, spans both worlds - a former antiquarian bookseller himself and for many years now the noted curator of books at the Lilly Library, the reknowned rare book and manuscript library at Indiana University in Bloomington. I had the pleasure of spending a week with Joel attending his "Reference Sources on Rare Books" seminar along with other antiquarian booksellers and special collections librarians, and it was an experience to remember. Joel is hardcore - the real deal.

Silver conveys well Dr. R's magic at selling high-priced rarities, how he "passed on to his customer-listeners his innate sense of the importance of what he was offering them." Lilly's first inperson visit with Rosenbach ended up costing him \$20,800 – and those were 1929 dollars! English and American literature were his focus at that time, and that first haul included a set of Lawrence Sterne's *Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy* for \$3,450 that "included the author's signatures in volumes 5, 7 and 9, which Sterne had included to try to prevent pirated editions."

By the end of that fateful year – a year in which Lilly self-published ten *List of One Hundred Books* profiling his collection, also a year in which he styled himself the "Busted Bibliophile of the Wabash" – the Indianapolis tycoon had changed from an accumulator of nice but routine "gentleman's library" material to a serious collector of rare, high-end literature and other "high spots." Early on, Lilly did what many affluent early 20<sup>th</sup> century collectors did: Adopted *One Hundred Books Famous in English Literature* – the title of an influential 1903 exhibit at New York's esteemed Grolier Club, known among collectors simply as the "Grolier Hundred" – as his collecting goal. Silver likens this to "a competitive sport, in which Lilly could vie with his fellow collectors in the hunt for elusive titles." He had already adopted a "One Hundred Good Novels" list compiled by one of his favorite

authors, A. Edward Newton, in *This Book-Collecting Game* (1928), and later he would be influenced by the far broader book *One Thousand Best Books: The Household Guide to a Lifetime's Reading* by Don Dickinson (1924), which included Americana.

Despite the hard times of the Depression, the ever-persistent Rosenbach peppered his new client with quotes and sent him new catalogues. Amidst the jaw-dropping rarities offered to Lilly, and occasionally purchased, were a trickle of choice autograph items. One May 1930 purchase was typical. It "included a Walt Whitman letter with a reference to Leaves of Grass; a James Whitcomb Riley manuscript; a first edition of Wilkie Collins's The Woman in White [which the "Books and Manuscripts Purchased by J.K. Lilly, Jr. from The Rosenbach Co" inventory at this book's conclusion tells us came "with inserted autograph letter, signed"]." Another sale in early 1939 included, among fabled rarities such as Francis Bacon's 1598 Essays, Isaac Walton's 1653 Compleat Angler and Mary Shelley's 1818 Frankenstein, a first edition of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's Evangeline inscribed by the poet to his friend Nathaniel Hawthorne ("far too good an association to turn down," notes Silver).

What Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly often shows is that J.K. Lilly was far from being some wealthy sycophant with more money than sense, buying whatever was offered to him by the celebrity antiquarian in order to impress his friends. Rosenbach's best bookselling oratory (far better in person than in letters) fell on common-sensical ears. Lilly's conservatism, coupled with his taste and high condition standards, often made him a "tough sell." On one occasion Rosenbach offered "one of the most difficult to find" of the Grolier Hundred: The Tragedy of the Dutchesse of Malfy by John Webster, the phenomenally rare 1623 first edition. "It is a good copy of one of the greatest rarities in English literature. There are only two copies in America...." Upon handling it, Lilly fired back, "I think the Dutchesse of Malfy is pretty awful in its present form!" Eventually Lilly did purchase it, though not until paying for repairing two damaged pages and replacing its "later undistinguished binding" with a custom Riviere binding "in their very best manner." The color images of this binding and the repaired pages will knock your socks off.

When in May 1943 Lilly ordered from Rosenbach a first edition of Meriwether Lewis's History of the Expedition Under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark (1814), the good doctor must have felt like Christopher Columbus as North America first came into view on the horizon – a whole New World of possibilities. American literature had been a mainstay for Lilly, but Americana was a radical departure. And Americana was a field in which Rosenbach had always been particularly strong. Silver dissects Lilly's evolving collecting interests:

Lilly had... from his earliest days as a collector, purchased nonfiction books about the Midwest and about coastal New England,
but these were usually well-produced editions of modern works
rather than the primary sources that he was collecting in other
fields. With the wartime economy of the early 1940s, and a pervasive sense of patriotism infusing daily life in the United States,
Lilly began to think of a more focused approach to his collection
and set about to collect historical Americana in a much more systematic way than he had done previously. Though his purchases of
British literary first editions didn't stop entirely, Lilly now tended
to concentrate more on American than British literature than he
had during the early years of his collecting.

Even adding Americana to his interests didn't turn Lilly into the cash cow that Rosenbach always hoped he would develop into, but in the last several years of their relationship it did maintain the Hoosier's interest in the Rosenbach Company's inventory.

Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly is abundantly illustrated with copies of Rosenbach's invoices to Lilly and many of the letters and telegrams from Rosenbach to Lilly, with Lilly's responses. (These latter are of course Lilly's retained carbon copies on heavily age toned plain onionskin paper – homely things. Am I persnickety in wishing Silver had seen if the Rosenbach Museum and Library still owns Lilly's original letters and used them instead? It'd be nice to see Lilly's letterhead and signature.) Also illustrated are title pages of many of the book gems Lilly purchased from Rosenbach – plus a color section of beauties that includes William Hubbard's Narrative of the Troubles with the Indians (Boston, 1677), bearing ownership signatures of many generations of the Hawthorne family, including Nathaniel Hawthorne, and a remarkable promotional real estate broadside of 1773 featuring extensive manuscript notes on both sides from George Washing-

ton. Incidentally, each chapter title is framed in with a delightful wood engraving by Canadian artist Wesley W. Bates showing a long row of book spines, Rosenbach at far left holding forth a book and Lilly at far right holding out his hand. Touché!

Not every item purchased by Lilly from Rosenbach is recounted in *Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly*, but the previously-mentioned "Books and Manuscripts Purchased by J.K. Lilly, Jr. from The Rosenbach Co." annotated bibliography that concludes this book briefly lists almost every acquisition. Imagine buying a copy of the first census of the United States (*Return of the Whole Number of Persons within the Several Districts of the United States*, 1791), signed by Thomas Jefferson, in 1944 for a paltry \$385. Or Edgar Allan Poe's *Poetical Works* (1858) with "Poe's signature cut from end of letter... and a postscript concerning "The Raven'" in 1934 for \$950. Or a Percy Bysshe Shelley ALS about his poems "Helias" and "Adonais" in 1937 for \$1,292.50. And so on and so on..... Sigh.

No book is without its faults, so I'd be remiss if I failed to point out that the prologue cites the year of Rosenbach's birth as 1875 – it was 1876, which Silver does correctly cite in the first chapter. The acknowledgements note a "'Further Reading' on p. 107" that actually begins on page 113. And lengthy block quotes are awkwardly set, lacking the double indent and other standard practices that make them easily readable, as in the two block quotes in this review – pet peeve. But these are snarky minutiae in a well written, well researched and handsomely produced volume.

"Book collecting is, ultimately, a solitary pursuit," writes Silver in my favorite passage, which applies equally well to autograph collecting,

but for many collectors, there is satisfaction in the knowledge that they have reached a high level of discrimination and taste in the pursuit of books for their library. Part of that satisfaction comes from a feeling that they are part of the continuum of collecting history, and that their names are worthy additions to a chain of provenance that adorns a famous book. The selection and purchase of a book is an exercise of taste for the collector, and both a validation of the taste, and the means of livelihood, of the book-seller from whom the collector purchased it. This book is about that intersection of taste....

Dr. Rosenbach and Mr. Lilly is a fascinating illumination of the

give-and-take between a famous dealer and a famous collector. It's also a microcosm of the very concept of collecting – how we coincide and collide about the aesthetics of objects, how we equate ideals of beauty with crass commercial value, how these historical objects we lust after give their possessors a satisfaction and sense of well-being matched by none other.

Silver does a fine job of bringing this unusual pairing to life. To me Rosenbach often comes across as a bit of a snake oil salesman, albeit an entertaining and likeable one, and Lilly as afraid of giving in to his enthusiasms and overspending. Theirs was an always cordial and ultimately beneficial relationship, though. What would the famed Lilly Library be today if not for the likes of A.S.W. Rosenbach?

### **Garfield Signatures**

You've got to hand it to Florida autograph dealer Steve Koschal. In an economic and publishing climate in which very few books about autographs are being published, he has managed over the years to self-publish a number of useful, inexpensive reference works. Many of these have been reviewed in this column – studies about the handwriting of Robert F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Thomas Jefferson, Muhammad Ali, White House cards and others. They aren't fancy hardbound affairs. They aren't the latest word in layout and style. But they're a strong source of numerous handwriting examples and interesting commentary. They get the job done.

Over the years, Steve and I have had a fun, friendly, healthy ongoing debate about autograph reference books. We're both gung-ho fanatics about autograph education and the need for collectors to build up the best reference library they possibly can. It goes without saying that autograph dealers hould have the best reference libraries of all, but that's a whole other disturbing story. I (former book editor and English instructor) maintain that the message is only as good as the medium – that careful, detailed argument/analysis accompanied by plentiful illustrations provide the knowledge that best helps collectors refine their autograph sleuting skills. Writing quality does matter, for weak, skimpy writing fails to communicate effectively and therefore does not accomplish its goal. Steve takes a "just the facts, ma'am" approach and argues that it's more important to simply get the



### For Eric

5 messages

David Bowers <

Tue, Apr 17, 2012 at 11:41 AM

Cc: Christine Karstedt <

Dear Eric!

Two e-mails from me in 18 hours (or whenever).

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We have been consigned the Retz Collection, An inventory is attached.

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Chris K and I would be honored if THE EMINENCE in the Fugio world might like to write a few paragraphs for the ANA Convention catalog—about how interesting Fugio coppers are, your own fascination with them, your book, and more. No need to mention the Retz collection—just a "Welcome to Fugio Coppers" sort of thing.

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If interested, go ahead. If not, touch "delete" on your keyboard!

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72 degrees here in Wolfeboro today.

My best to you and Evelyn.

**DAVE** 



Copy of Retz Fugios.xlsx 12K

Christine Karstedt < To: "Q. David Bowers"

Tue, Apr 17, 2012 at 11:51 AM

HI Eric,

This is not for the ANA but specifically for the C4 auction that SBG will be hosting in Baltimore this November. The collection is well known but not necessarily the highest quality across the board so a short appreciation of the series would work perfectly. We would love your support as Dave mentioned this possibility when talking with the consignor's agent originally. And, of course, the C4 group will love your contribution! If it is not to be, we can certainly do a work around with Dave's help so no worries. I am attending the Central States show this week and always remember you paging me the first time ANR was a presence at the convention. It was an honor I'll always cherish as well as the great memories of the dinner we had with your wife and others!

All the best,

Chris

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From: David Bowers [mailto:

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2012 12:41 PM

To:

**Cc:** Christine Karstedt **Subject:** For Eric

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Tue, Apr 17, 2012 at 2:35 PM

#### Dear Chris:

In answer to your 4/17/12 message I would consider writing a little blurb on FUGIOS if the ownership if the coins to be offered for sale at the auction are still owned by a member or members of the family of my long departed friend Bob Retz .He was so kind to me when my wife and I visited him and his family in Portland, Oregon and I often contacted him thereafter. If someone else has a major ownership in a part of his collection I would be inclined not to do so I am sure you understand that I try to avoid commerciality as that would open the door to other similar requests. My best greetings to you.

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Tue, Apr 17, 2012 at 2:40 PM

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Christine Karstedt <
To: ' <

Tue, Apr 17, 2012 at 4:48 PM

Hi Eric,

The collection is being offered by Margaret, Angela and Nicole so it is still in the family. In fact, they will be in attendance! Good news for all of us!!!!

They will be thrilled with your contribution.

Chris

Sent from my iPhone

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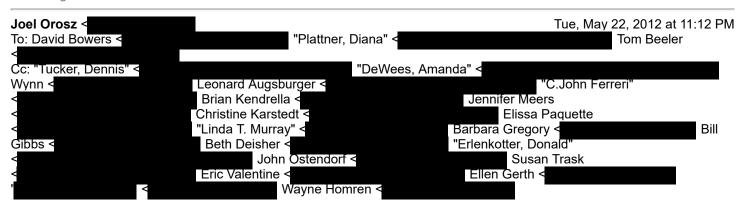
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RR6	4-E	R3/R3	AU50+		
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RR12	9-Q	R5/R6+	VF20		
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RR50	15-H	R5/R5	VF25	Terminal die state
RR51	20-X	R5/R6	F12	Terminal die state
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RR64	14-0	R4/R5	AU50	Medal Turn



### **RE: Comma-tose**

2 messages



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### The Most Comma Mistakes

By BEN YAGODA



Draft is a series about the art and craft of writing.

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As I noted in my earlier article, rules and conventions about when to use and not to use commas are legion. But certain errors keep popping up. Here are a few of them.

### **Identification Crisis**

If I've seen it once, I've seen it a thousand times. I'm referring to a student's writing a sentence like:

I went to see the movie, "Midnight in Paris" with my friend, Jessie.

Comma after "movie," comma after "friend" and, sometimes, comma after "Paris" as well. None is correct — unless "Midnight in Paris" is the only movie in the world and Jessie is the writer's only friend. Otherwise, the punctuation should be:

I went to see the movie "Midnight in Paris" with my friend Jessie.

If that seems wrong or weird or anything short of clearly right, bear with me a minute and take a look at another correct sentence:

I went to see Woody Allen's latest movie, "Midnight in Paris," with my oldest friend, Jessie.

You need a comma after "movie" because this and only this is Mr. Allen's newest movie in theaters, and before "Jessie" because she and only she is the writer's oldest friend.

The syntactical situation I'm talking about is *identifier-name*. The basic idea is that if the name (in the above example, "Jessie") is the only thing in the world described by the identifier ("my oldest friend"), use a comma before the name (and after it as well, unless you've come to the end of the sentence). If not, don't use any commas.

Grammatically, there are various ways of describing what's going on. One helpful set of terms is essential vs. nonessential. When the identifier makes sense in the sentence by itself, then the name is nonessential and you use a comma before it. Otherwise, no comma. That explains an

exception to the only-thing-in-the-world rule: when the words "a," "an" or "some," or a number, come before the description or identification of a name, use a comma.

A Bronx plumber, Stanley Ianella, bought the winning lottery ticket.

When an identifier describes a unique person or thing and is preceded by "the" or a possessive. use a comma:

Baseball's home run leader, Barry Bonds, will be eligible for the Hall of Fame next year.

My son, John, is awesome. (If you have just one son.)

But withhold the comma if not unique:

My son John is awesome. (If you have more than one son.)

The artist David Hockney is a master of color.

The celebrated British artist David Hockney is a master of color.

And even

The gay, bespectacled, celebrated British artist David Hockney is a master of color.

(Why are there commas after "gay" and "bespectacled" but not "celebrated"? Because "celebrated" and "British" are different sorts of adjectives. The sentence would not work if "and" were placed between them, or if their order were reversed.)

If nothing comes before the identification, don't use a comma:

The defense team was led by the attorney Harold Cullen.

No one seems to have a problem with the idea that if the identification comes after the name, it should always be surrounded by commas:

Steve Meyerson, a local merchant, gave the keynote address.

However, my students, at least, often wrongly omit a "the" or an "a" in sentences of this type:

Jill Meyers, sophomore, is president of the sorority.

To keep the commas, it needs to be:

Jill Meyers, a sophomore, is president of the sorority.



Peter Arkle

### The Case of the Missing Comma

A related issue is the epidemic of *missing* commas after parenthetical phrases or appositives that is, self-enclosed material that's within a sentence, but not essential to its meaning. The following sentences all lack a necessary comma. Can you spot where?

My father, who gave new meaning to the expression "hard working" never took a vacation.

He was born in Des Moines, Iowa in 1964.

Philip Roth, author of "Portnoy's Complaint" and many other books is a perennial contender for the Nobel Prize.

If you said "working," "lowa" and "books," give yourself full marks. I'm not sure why this particular mistake is so tempting. It may sometimes be because these phrases are so long that by the time we get to the end of them, we've forgotten about the first comma. In any case, a strategy to prevent it is to remember the acronym I.C.E. Whenever you find yourself using a comma before an Identification, Characterization or Explanation, remember that there has to be a comma after the I.C.E. as well.

### Splice Girls, and Boys

"Comma splice" is a term used for the linking of two independent clauses — that is, grammatical units that contain a subject and a verb and could stand alone as sentences — with a comma. When I started teaching at the University of Delaware some years ago, I was positively gobsmacked by the multitude of comma splices that confronted me. They have not abated.

Here's an example:

He used to be a moderate, now he's a card-carrying Tea Partier.

It's easy to fix in any number of ways:

He used to be a moderate. Now he's a card-carrying Tea Partier.

He used to be a moderate; now he's a card-carrying Tea Partier.

He used to be a moderate, but now he's a card-carrying Tea Partier.

He used to be a moderate — now he's a card-carrying Tea Partier.

How to choose among them? By reading aloud — always the best single piece of writing advice and choosing the version that best suits the context, your style and your ear. I would go with the semicolon. How about you?

Two particular situations seem to bring out a lot of comma splices. The first is in quotations:

"The way they've been playing, the team will be lucky to survive the first round," the coach said, "I'm just hoping someone gets a hot hand."

The comma after "said" has to be replaced with a period.

The other issue is the word "however," which more and more people seem to want to use as a conjunction, comparable to "but" or "yet." So they will write something like:

The weather is great today, however it's supposed to rain tomorrow.

That may be acceptable someday. Today, however, it's a comma splice. Correct punctuation could be:

The weather is great today, but it's supposed to rain tomorrow.

Or

The weather is great today. However, it's supposed to rain tomorrow.

Comma splices can be O.K. when you're dealing with short clauses where even a semicolon would slow things down too much:

I talked to John, John talked to Lisa.

Samuel Beckett was the poet laureate of the comma splice. He closed his novel "The Unnamable" with a long sentence that ends:

... perhaps it's done already, perhaps they have said me already, perhaps they have carried me to the threshold of my story, before the door that opens on my story, that would surprise me, if it opens, it will be I, it will be the silence, where I am, I don't know, I'll never know, in the silence you don't know, you must go on, I can't go on, I'll go on.

Which goes to show, I suppose, that rules are made to be broken.

Ben Yagoda will address some of the questions in the comments, as well as a few other points about the comma, in a follow-up post on Saturday.

Correction: In an earlier version of this article, the example involving "Midnight in Paris" mistakenly said a comma was needed after the name "Jessie," rather than before it.



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Dear Joel,

I, too, have been inflicted with, I fear, comma-tosis!

It might be desirable in the future notwithstanding the temptation to do so to avoid comma use entirely even in sequences of items at least a point for consideration here in Wolfeboro New Hampshire.

**QDB** 

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Dear Dennis,

If you want to point them to THE 100 GREATEST AMERICAN CURRENCY NOTES and my OBSOLETE BANK NOTES book and have them select images—say for far in advance instead of a bunch of multiple requests—I should be able to do that. How long do they want the captions?

As to the South Carolina note I am copying Eric P in St. Louis in case he has an image from his book; also Dave Sundman who, I think, has various colonial notes. I will also copy Bob Hoge at the ANS.

Best wishes,

**DAVE BOWERS** 

From: Tucker, Dennis [mailto:

Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 5:39 PM

**To:** Green, Michelle Cc: Bowers, Dave

**Subject:** RE: Whitman.com :: Customer Support : picture request

Dave, please see below. Obviously we no longer have the source images for this 1967 book, but I wonder if you'd be able to track down a suitable equivalent? I imagine there might be something in your Obsolete Paper Money book?

-- Dennis

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From: Green, Michelle

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 10:41 AM

To: Tucker, Dennis

Subject: FW: Whitman.com :: Customer Support : picture request

From: Juliane Voss

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2012 1:44 AM **To:** Customer Service(Whitmanbooks)

Subject: Whitman.com :: Customer Support : picture request

Juliane Voss -

Dear Sir or Madam The Numismatic Division of the Deutsche Bundesbank's Money Museum in Frankfurt/Main plans to publish an article on a different coin or banknote each month and to make this available online on a long-term basis. Each article will include a description and an image of a coin or a banknote. The article will also be illustrated using other photos, caricatures, etc. For an article on the 90 dollar banknote of South Carolina, 1779, we would like to use a picture of the 70 dollar banknote of South Carolina, 1779, as it is used in the catalogue by Eric P. Newman "The Early Paper Money of America" © 1967 by Whiteman Publishing Company, p. 319. We would therefore like to ask you for a digital and coloured copy of this banknote and your permission to use this illustration in our online article. Yours sincerely **Numismatic Collection** 



### Fugio-iana

2 messages

David Bowers <

Thu, Sep 13, 2012 at 2:31 PM

Cc: Christine Karstedt

Dear Eric!

Repeating an earlier inquiry, would you be interested in doing an intro or foreword to our auction presentation of the Retz Collection of Fugio Coppers? If so, we'd be deeply honored.

Chris K has the inventory or can get it and will send to you.

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My best as ever,

DAVE

To:

Thu, Sep 13, 2012 at 3:09 PM

### Dear Dave:

Please have something short prepared for me to sign indicating my respect for Rob Retz and his sincere devotion to collecting and studying FUGIOS. I visited him at his home in Portland long ago and enjoyed the kindness of his family to my wife and self.

I do want to approve whatever text you write under my name.

Eric

[Quoted text hidden]



### Fwd: PUNOGRAPHY

1 message

To:

Tue, Sep 18, 2012 at 4:05 PM

From:

10:

Sent: 9/16/2012 9:29:01 P.M. Central Daylight Time

Subj: PUNOGRAPHY

Some new ones, at least from me, from my friend Anne Bentley, curator at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Hope you've had a nice weekend.

DAVE B

#### **PUNOGRAPHY**

I changed my iPod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

PMS jokes aren't funny, period.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!

Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

Velcro - what a rip off!

Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

Venison for dinner? Oh deer!

Earthquake in Washingtonis obviously government's fault.

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

Never fall in love with a tennis player because, to a tennis player, love means nothing.



### **Emailing: Retz Intro q proofed**

2 messages

David Bowers < To: Christine Karstedt < Thu, Oct 4, 2012 at 2:44 PM

Dear Chris (copy to EPN), Here is the article proofed. Eric is mentioned quite a bit.

**DAVE** 



Retz Intro q proofed.docx 19K

Christine Karstedt < To: "Q. David Bowers" < Thu, Oct 4, 2012 at 2:48 PM

Hi Dave,

This article is too long for the catalogue and does not include the highlights that I sent you in a separate file. Please include some numismatic sentences about the coins and reduce this other information to one catalogue page. Eric will then also get a page and I invite him to use anything that you cut out of your intro.

Thanks!

Christine Karstedt | Executive Vice President Stack's Bowers | Stack's Bowers & Ponterio

[Quoted text hidden]

## The Secret life of a Fugio Copper Something Old, Something New....

By Jeff Rock

The following tribute appeared in the Winter 2011 issue of *The C4 Newsletter* and is reprinted with permission.

...Something borrowed, something blue. And a lucky Fugio in her shoe. Well, that might not be exactly how the popular wedding verse goes, but perhaps colonial collectors will want to revisit that Victorian-era British tradition, since a Fugio copper had a place of honor in a wedding, just a few years after another colonial from the same collection was also a part of another wedding ceremony. Besides silver sixpences are getting pretty hard to find.

Many collectors today fondly remember the late Rob Retz who was one of the earliest members of C4 and a member of many other clubs both nationally and in his hometown of Portland, Oregon. Rob was a wonderful human being who treasured hi family and friends and who enjoyed his colonial coins as well—though he always put his family first in that equation. He was always willing to share information when asked, and frequently would not compete on a coin at auction when he knew a friend wanted it more. I had the privilege of knowing Rob almost from the beginning—he ordered several things from my first price list back in 1989, just as he was focusing on colonial coins as his main area of interest, after deciding that they had more value—and a lot more opportunity to cherrypick rarities than the large cents he had been collecting. A fast friendship developed, and we traveled together to many shows and auctions and frequently chatted on the phone; we even wrote an article together for *The Colonial Newsletter* outlining the re-discovery of the original Vermont mint. At coin shows Rob was hard to miss, standing a good five or six inches taller than most others in the room, usually with a magnifying glass in one hand and a can of Coca-Cola in the other (no Diet coke, no Pepsi—if that's all a place offered he would leave the building or order "just water" in an acerbic tone.)

Rob first started collecting Connecticut coppers. And though he never had a huge number of varieties, he had many extremely rare pieces, many of which were cherrypicked in coin stores near his Portland home. He didn't have much competition there, and amazingly a fair number of colonials seemed to have ended up in the Pacific Northwest for him to choose from. Rob's Connecticut collection was eventually sold intact to Steve Tanenbaum, who was then starting to specialize in the series. [These were presented at auction by Stack's Bowers Galleries last year.] Rob's interest then turned more acutely to Fugio coppers—as he saw it, a much smaller series that still had rarities available for cherrypicking since few dealers attributed them at the time, aside from basic *Redbook* type information. Instead of trying to chase 350+ Connecticut copper varieties, he could pursue 50-ish Fugios, and get coins in a better grade range overall. There was almost no data then available on rarity and Condition Census levels for various varieties (though Alan Kessler's 1976 book made a small start toward that, and Michael McLaughlin was serially publishing his "Fugio Files" in the pages of *Penny-Wise*, mainly focusing on auction

appearances). Of course, Eric P. Newman's study remained the standard reference on die varieties.

In just a few short years Rob assembled a first-class collection of Fugio coppers—not a complete set, but with quite a few R-7 varieties and many Condition Census level coins. Not too bad for someone who always maintained that his collection was "free"—that is, the money spent on Fugios came from the profit he made on the sale of other coins (like his Connecticut coppers, a very rare large cent variety he cherrypicked, and other colonial and U.S. pieces he sold privately). The collection itself naturally led Rob to the next logical step—writing an updated book on the series. With the blessing of Eric P. Newman (who just celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday as this article was being written), Rob set out to collect images and data or just that purpose.

It was something of a shock when Rob shared the results of a medical test with a few friends in late 2003, when he found he had pleomorphic liposarcome, a rather nasty form of cancer. Rob fought cancer valiantly, and a cycle of chemotherapy treatment bought him several additional months of life, which was important to him as it meant more time with his beloved family. But the body can only fight so much, and Rob passed away on May 17, 2004.

While coins became far less important in his last months, he did managed to make it to the sale of the John J. Ford collection of Fugio coppers—the last major collection he needed to see for him to consider his research complete, and the last time that many of us saw him; this writer still remembers the post-auction dinner at a New York steakhouse where we all knew it would be our final meeting, yet the mood was far from maudlin. Rob had come to appreciate that knowing that his end was near gave him a chance to do things that would otherwise not be possible—to say goodbye to those who were important to him. The black and white photograph here was taken on that New York trip, with Rob perched atop a double-decker sightseeing tour bus with his family. The smile on his face was always there, and even though he knew this was going to be his last trip to New York, you can tell he was enjoying himself immensely.

Even though he had more data than anyone else, Rob was always a perfectionist, and he wanted his book to be a little better. In the end, he passed away without publishing his work, and it remains in limbo today (although one way or another, his research will be shared—whether published in the *C4 Newsletter* or printed privately and made available to interested collectors).

Rob left behind his lovely, vivacious wife, Margaret, and two daughters, Angela and Nicole, who were both single when Rob passed away. Although their father was deeply missed, life continues, and both of his daughters married. While Rob was present at the weddings via a framed photograph, both girls wanted something a little more tangible, and both turned to coins to mark their father's place in their respective ceremonies—and both chose colonial coppers to do so, the most fitting thing possible.

Nicole Marcelle Retz married Sean Patrick Callaghan on August 5, 2006. She carried a 1787 Massachusetts half cent (Ryder 3-A variety) tied in her bouquet. The coin was part of Rob's legendary "keychain collection: his goal was to have a holed example of every major type of colonial and the end result was a massive ring of keys and coins that would have made any

janitor jealous (and which was nearly impossible to carry around, let alone find a specific key or coin).

Angela Rochelle Retz married Eric Paul Williams on August 28, 2010. She carried a 1787 Fugio copper tucked into the ribbon of her bouquet. This was, obviously, not one of Rob's mainline coins in his collection; it was a piece that was found in a drawer in Rob's desk after he had passed away, and was kept by the family. Curiously, it was one that Rob was never able to attribute —a large area of die swelling on the obverse doesn't match up with anything, though the lower grade obscures some to the details needed to attribute. Knowing Rob, it was probably something that he kept close at hand, constantly trying to "put a number on."

Rob would have been pleased to have these 18<sup>th</sup> century artifacts carried down the aisle when his daughters set off to begin their new lives—and the brides found the perfect way to honor their Dad's memory as well. While we often think of colonial coins as historical artifacts whose story ended long ago, it's nice to see that a colonial coin can be relevant to someone's life today, especially so to a non-collector.

The story doesn't exactly end there, though. For, there was another "Fugio" that figured in Rob's life. He had a 1982 Alfa Romeo Spider, a blue ragtop roadster that he restored and would drive around town, top down and music blaring—even in the light Portland rain to which most locals don't even bother to pay attention. It proudly bore a personalized license plate reading—of course!" "FUGIO." Perfectly fitting, since the Latin translates to "I Fly," and the car certainly did. When the American Numismatic Association had their annual convention in Portland in 1999, Rob served as exhibit chair. He invited a group of us colonial nuts to his home for a cookout, with excellent food, talked and laughter. Rob's guest of honor at this occasion was personally picked up in that car by Rob, and driven to his home with the top down and the warm August air flying past as they sped along. In the passenger seat was none other than Eric P. Newman (then only 88 years old)—and could one write a better ending than two of the foremost Fugio specialists of our time barreling down the road in a two-seater convertible with a FUGIO license plate to mark their journey?



### Hi from Dave B

1 message

David Bowers <

Wed, Feb 20, 2013 at 1:32 PM

Hi Eric!

I hope you are doing fine. I'll see if I can reach you by phone this afternoon to say hello.

Learning about the sale of some of your numismatic items and that Stack's Bowers Galleries may be participating, thank you!

I am sure that a new generation will appreciate the treasures you have cherished—and now with a better than ever pedigree!

With regard to assigning certain of the proceeds to numismatic institutions, I know you are well connected to the ANS. If the Smithsonian is not on your list, you might want to add it and the National Numismatic Collection. In recent years I have spent some time in "immersion" there and am very impressed with their going-forward plans to open a new educational gallery and more. Tentative plans are in the works for Jeff Garrett (inventory) and I (narrative) to do a popular book on the NNC, its rich history, and more. If the SI is on your list and if there is anything I can do to assist with an interface, I am at your service.

My best as always,

DAVE



### Fwd: The English lingo qdb

1 message

To:

Sun, May 5, 2013 at 11:41 AM

From:

To:

Sent: 5/2/2013 7:29:05 P.M. Central Daylight Time

Subj: The English lingo qdb

Sending to a few friends who like language and puns.

Had seen many of these before, but some are new.

Enjoy your evening.

DAVE B

I didn't think I was being forward by forwarding this to my "more forward and deeper thinking friends", who are certainly not as forward as me but I knew they would appreciate it! I think a retired English Teacher was bored. THIS IS GREAT! No wonder immigrants struggle with the English language.

- 1) The bandage was **wound** around the **wound.**
- 2) The farm was used to **produce**.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
- 4) We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.

- 5) He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
- 6) The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
- 7) Since there is no time like the **<u>present</u>**, he thought it was time to **<u>present</u>** the **<u>present</u>**.
- 8) A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
- 9) When shot at, the **dove** into the bushes.
- 10) I did not **object** to the **object**.
- 11) The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
- 12) There was a **row** among the oarsmen about how to **row**.
- 13) They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
- 14) A buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a **sewer** fell down into a **sewer** line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
- 17) The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear.**.
- 19) I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I **intimate** this to my most **intimate** friend?

21) Don't forget to <u>read</u> the book you've already <u>read</u> on the night of a <u>red</u> moon!

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick' ?

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this ..

There's a two-letter word that has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.'

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir <u>UP</u> trouble, line <u>UP</u> for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things  $\ensuremath{\overline{\mathsf{UP}}}$  .

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it

<u>UP</u>, for now my time is <u>UP</u>, so......it is time to shut <u>UP</u>! Now it's <u>UP</u> to you what you do with this email.



### Pic from recent trip to Phila and to DC

1 message

David Bowers < To: David Bowers <

Sat, May 18, 2013 at 12:21 PM



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1/16/2019 Gmail - qdb



Eric Newman <

# qdb

1 message

David Bowers <

Sun, Jun 9, 2013 at 12:33 PM

To:

Hi there

Spending the weekend going through 1850s issues of Gleason's, Harper's, etc.

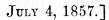
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Enjoy your afternoon

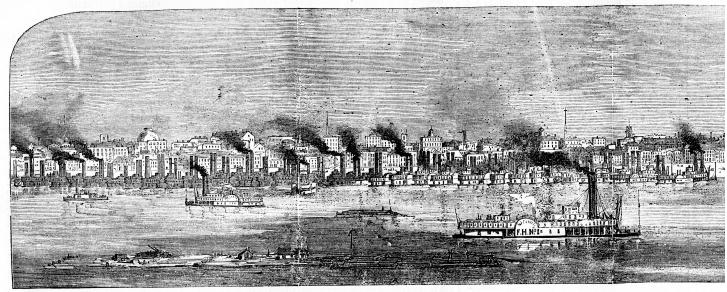
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# HARPER'S WEEKLY.



ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

1/16/2019 Gmail - RE: B-Port



Eric Newman <

RE: B-Port

David Bowers <

2 messages

Mon, Jun 10, 2013 at 10:36 AM

To: "C.John Ferreri" < "Mitchell, Caitlyn" "Tucker, Dennis"

Hi!

Thanks for doing this.

I will send a scan of the little birdie to Eric today. Just yesterday I was looking at the Old Print Shop's (NYC) listing of Audubon elephant folio prints—musing as to whether I should inquire about the Baltimore oriole.

**DAVE** 

PS: Send files and I will tag for Whitman. Will copy Dennis and Caitlyn at Whitman.

DAVE B

From: C.John Ferreri [mailto:

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2013 9:36 AM

**To:** David Bowers (CCNE)

Subject: B-Port

Hi Dave,

I noticed that one of your scans (see attachment) has the engraving of Audubon #1. Eric Newman wrote about this vignette and might like to know that there is another progress proof, a little different than his pictured sample, out there.

I have been able to download 2-3 of your complete email files and am reviewing them now. I am separating the ones needing description adjustment: spurious, ctft, etc. and will send you samples of these unless you think it better if I send them to Whitman.

## John

1/16/2019

## David Bowers <

Mon, Jun 10, 2013 at 10:38 AM

Dear Eric!

Here you go. If you would like a higher resolution image I probably have one. Just let me know.

Enjoy your morning.

**DAVE** 

From: C.John Ferreri [mailto:

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2013 9:36 AM

To: David Bowers (CCNE)

Subject: B-Port

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## John



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## **RE:** appreciation

1 message

David Bowers < Cc: Joel Orosz

Thu, Jun 13, 2013 at 7:48 PM

Still enjoying the book.

FYI I moved to NH from Calif in 1980 and never saw any of the Clifford 1982 items. I think that sale was cat by JJF but not sure.

I was the one who discovered Agrell/Agnell. May have discussed w EPN at the time. Don't recall.

Also suggested that the madam on the S.S. Brother Jonathan who was said to have obtained ingots at the SF Mint was a fantasy, as if she took gold she would have taken double eagles spendable at her destination. I had a BJ ingot in my possession at one time and to me it looked quite real. Seeing a lot of this stuff all together, illustrated in your book, certainly does cast a heavy shadow!

Mrs. N and JJF broke up when JJF bought a coin from ZZZ (don't remember, and perhaps I wasn't told) and offered it to Mrs. N for in the \$5K range, I believe, with the story running something like this—don't recall exactly: "I just bought this with you in mind, added 10%, and here it is." Mrs. N later learned from the seller that JJF had bought it for about half that. Mrs. N told me this. Mrs. N said something like, "I would have bought it for \$5,000 anyway, but I do not like your lying to me." According to Mrs. N there had been some rough spots earlier, and this was the straw that broke the camel's back.

When I did my book on Virgil B, Mrs N told me she had visited with Virgil—the only person I could find who had a firstperson experience.

Lots of fun!

**DAVE B** 

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From: David Bowers [mailto:

**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2013 7:17 AM

Cc: 'Joel Orosz' (

Subject: appreciation

Dear Karl!

Your	great book	k arrived,	and I h	nave been	reading	every	word of it	t. Still a	at the	beginning,	as I	am doing	this as	'dessert"
after	each day.	Glad to s	ee in th	ne credits	EPN (he	rewith	copied) I	nelped.	. EPN	has been	on th	nis "case"	since da	av 1.

I would like to give some publicity to this in one or another of my columns. Can you tell me the list price and how people should order?

It was nice to be a part of this!

Dave

1/16/2019 Gmail - qdb



Eric Newman <

## adb

1 message

David Bowers <

Mon, Jun 17, 2013 at 12:35 PM

Hi there!

I need to send my JJF columns to CW this afternoon. If you have any corrections, holler.

Finished Karl's book last night—although I did not read every word of some of the letters and documents.

The whole scenario, while not unsuspected by me, is much more deep than I envisioned. I never knew anything about the JJF interfaces with Paul F (although years ago he was at some NYC area conventions and I talked w him), Henry Clifford (never met him), Kenyon Painter (was a coin customer but not involving JJF), and others. I knew JJF for our shared interest in colonials, tokens, literature, and general federal mint history. After a lot of stuff came out I still thought the "Brother Jonathan" bars, from whatever source, looked genuine! I guess Don Kagin was the fall guy, esp if Franklin isn't even mentioned!

Now we need a book on B. Max Mehl—which would be highly entertaining although probably not revelatory. Perhaps also Walter Breen, but the revelations of his later life were distasteful and terrible to me and others, and for that reason I would not want to do any research on him. The same is true in a way with Bashlow.

Nice day here. Hope ditto in St. Louis.

**DAVE** 



# Dave B and Chris K visit to Martha's Vineyard

1 message

David Bowers < Christine Karstedt Thu, Aug 8, 2013 at 10:58 AM

Dear Eric!

It was nice to talk with you a month or so ago. I hope your Continental Currency research is coming along nicely.

Last year we planned to visit you in Martha's Vineyard, as you remember, but at this end I was not able to schedule it.

Now, a year later Chris K and I will be tied up for the rest of August (ANA convention—will miss you!) and, for me, family visiting until near Labor Day.

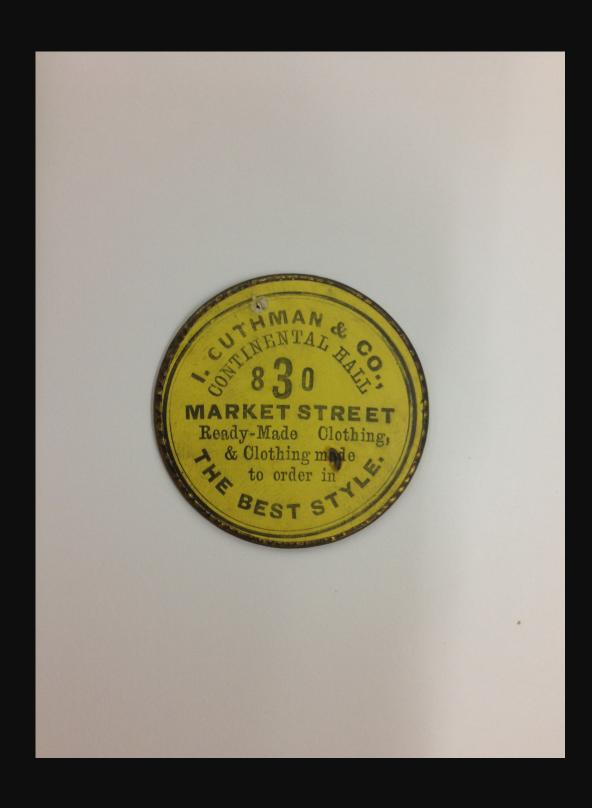
If you are at M.V. in September and would like two visitors to fly or sail over to say hi and, perhaps, have lunch, let me know. If this is the case I'll call and figure out a time that you like.

I hope your summer has been going well. I will be getting the first prize (or whatever it is called) Heath Literary Award from the ANA next week. I know you already have more of these than all other recipients combined!

Say hi to Evelyn.

All good wishes to you both.

DAVE B





## FW: Guthman ex

1 message

David Bowers < To: Anne Bentley Fri, Aug 23, 2013 at 5:02 PM

Wow!

This is a typo on the shell card! I will rewrite and get back to you and copy editor Evelyn w a rewrite! If you are going home, you'll see on Monday! **DAVE** 

----Original Message----

From: Anne E. Bentley [mailto:

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 11:45 AM

To: Q. David Bowers Subject: Guthman ex

Note it reads "Cuthman" typo or damage?

Anne E. Bentley, Curator of Art Massachusetts Historical Society 1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215

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#### 2 attachments



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## qdb

To:

4 messages

Dave Bowers <

Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 9:02 PM

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Dear Eric!

I hope this finds all well with you. And, say hi to Evelyn.

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Hope your Continental Currency project is coming along nicely.

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Dear Dawn!

You will probably hear from some of the above. When the dust settles please send me the invoice.

Neat book!

Best wishes,

DAVE B

From: Tucker, Dennis [mailto:

**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2013 4:51 PM **To:** All Whitman Publishing Atlanta Users

**Cc:** (Bowers, Dave; Bressett, Kenneth

Subject: Pictures From a Distant Country: book review in "Maine Antique Digest"

"Books Received," by M.A.D. Staff

Maine Antique Digest, November 2013 issue

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The imagery on paper currency is not something the general populace may notice with regularity. When the state quarters program started, it generated a renewed interest in coin design, but generally speaking, currency gets handed over without too much thought about what's pictured on it, other than to make sure it is the correct amount. This book looks closely at the images on obsolete bank notes and discovers a "new world."

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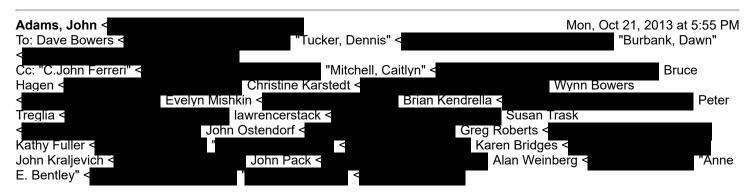
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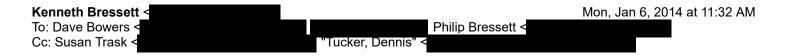
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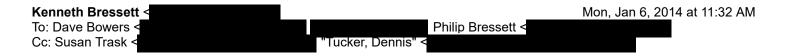
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# FW: Why cameras were invented

1 message



From: Susan Trask [mailto:

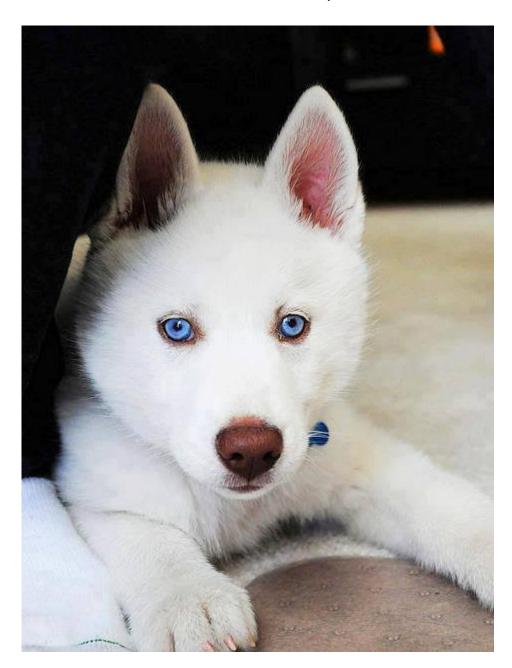
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2014 3:59 PM

To: Susan Trask

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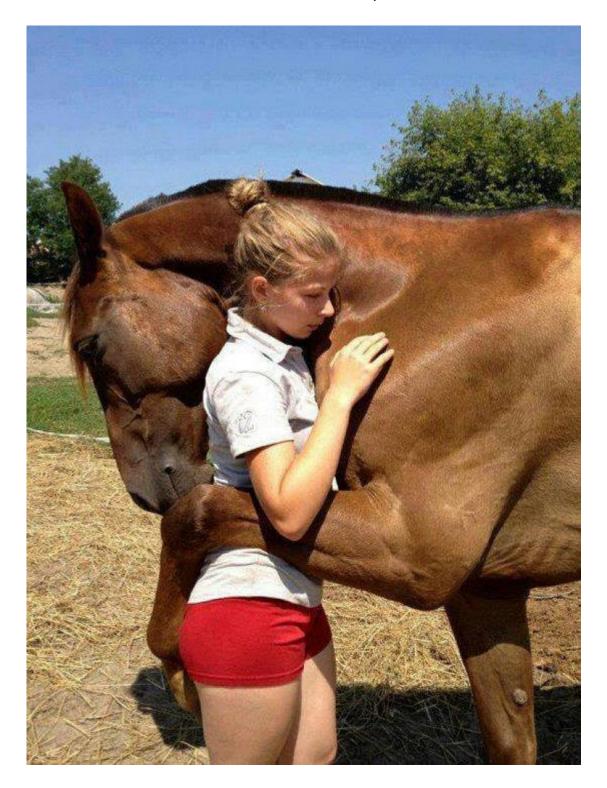


















#### **Happy Birthday**

2 messages

**Dave Bowers <** 

Sun, May 25, 2014 at 4:12 PM

Dear Eric!

For the first time in decades of calling you on your birthday, no one answered the phone. I hope that instead of being close by you are celebrating with a glass of champagne!

Thank you for your fine friendship ever since I was a teenager in the 1950s and for all you have done for numismatics and the world around you.

My best to you and Evelyn,

Dave

To: Dave Bowers

Sun, May 25, 2014 at 5:11 PM

We had a lovely day of card opening and devouring favorite foods. Eric remains amazing but must have been napping when you called. Thanks for you wishes, as always. I have printed them and will show them to him tomorrow. All best,

Andy

From: Dave Bowers

Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2014 4:12 PM

To:



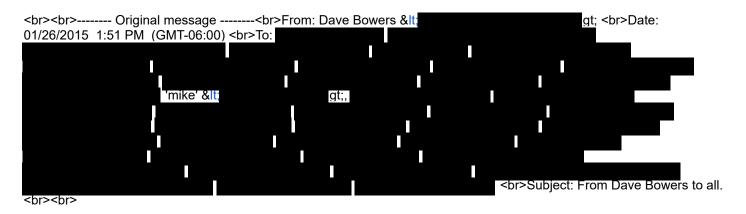


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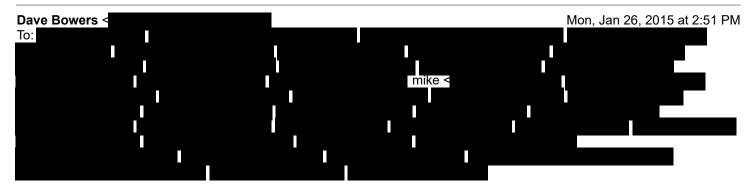
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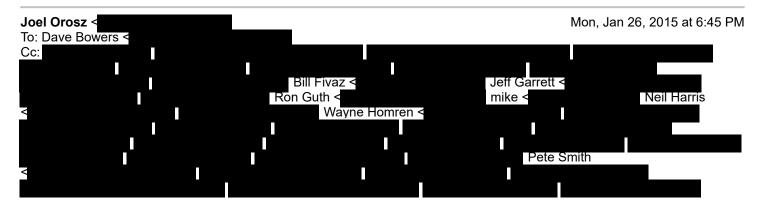
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One remarkable fact to note: until January of 2015, it was possible to gather every person who had ever occupied the Editor's chair at *Coin World*, from 1960 to date, in a room together--Dick Johnson, Margo, Beth Deisher, Steve Roach--and take a group picture. 55 years! The editor's chair at *Coin World* must confer longevity on all those who occupy it!

Warm regards,

Joel



Eric Newman <

**HB** 

1 message

Dave Bowers < Tue, May 26, 2015 at 12:02 AM
To: Cc: "Bressett, Kenneth" < Christine Karstedt <

Dear Eric,

On your 104<sup>th</sup>, happy birthday. Ever since the early 1950s you have been a guiding, light an inspiration to me.

I (secretly) hope to live to be 124 years old. Hopefully, you will still be around!

Copying Chris Karstedt who is also a member of the Eric P. Newman Fan Club!

My best to you, Evelyn, Andy, and to your extended family! Someday I will have to record my 101+ EPN experiences and memorable, many unique, EPN anecdotes.

My best as always

**DAVE** 



# Fwd: RE: Jason Phipps's Memorandum Book for Bank Bills, 1806 : Phipps, Jason : Free Download & Streaming : Internet Archive

1 message

To: Len Augsburger <

Mon, Oct 26, 2015 at 7:40 PM

Question: Who was Jason Phipps and what did he do and where did he live?

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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:28 PM

To: Q. David Bowers

Subject: Jason Phipps's Memorandum Book for Bank Bills, 1806: Phipps, Jason

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#### RE: Green paper money cellulose acetate holders

4 messages

Wayne Homren < Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 9:34 PM
To: Dave Bowers < Joel Orosz < Leonard
Augsburger < Roger Burdette <

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Thanks. -Wayne

From: Dave Bowers [mailto:

**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2016 11:04 PM

**To:** Joel Orosz; Leonard Augsburger; Wayne Homren

Subject: qdb

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Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:35 PM

To: 'Dave Bowers' < 'Joel Orosz' < 'Leonard

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Subject: RE: Green paper money cellulose acetate holders

Tue, Feb 23, 2016 at 9:29 AM

Cc:

Yes, some of the Green notes were damaged by the nitrate holders. Others that Newman bought were ruined by the holders. I've never seen a list of the lost.

Roger Burdette

----Original Message-----

Cc: tom <

Sent: Mon, Feb 22, 2016 9:42 pm

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Tom Denly

From: [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 9:30 AM

To:

Cc: Thomas Denly <

**Subject:** Re: Green paper money cellulose acetate holders



Eric Newman <

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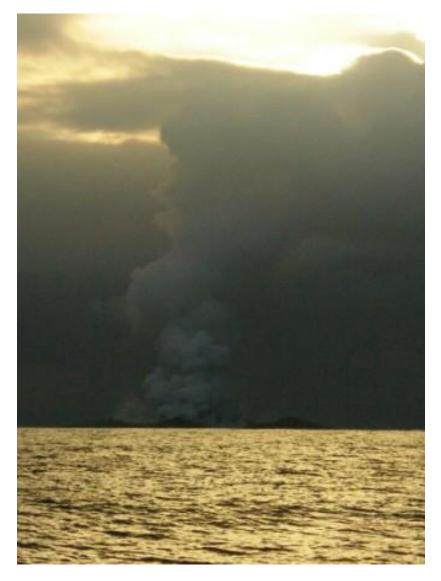
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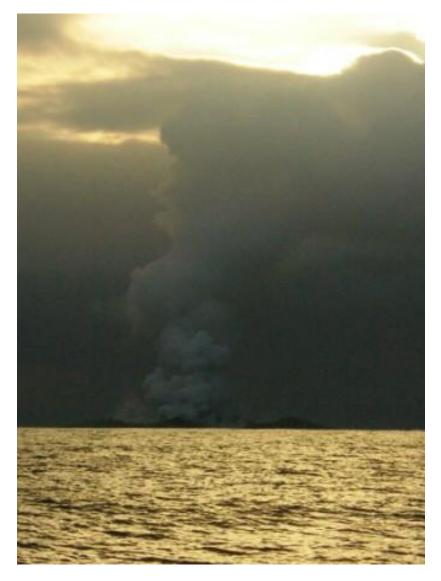
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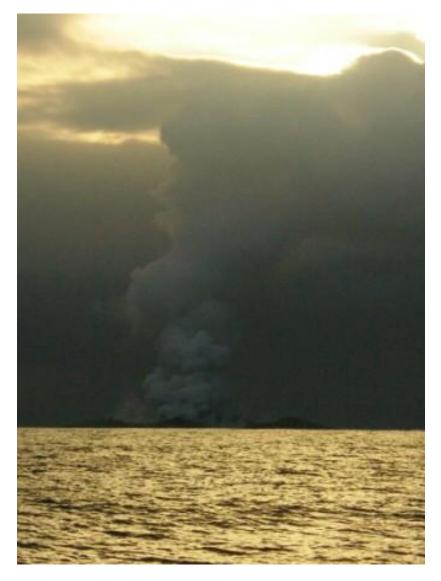
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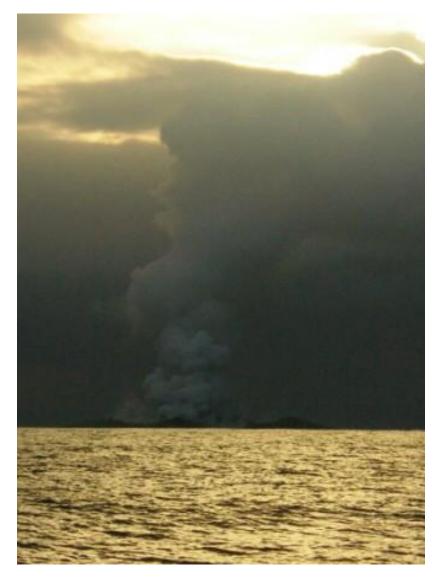
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Back in 1964 I was on deployment with my squadron on Iceland. We flew patrols out over the north Atlantic as far as Norway and return. On one patrol, a crew reported smoking debry on the ocean surface. Next time out another crew actually could see burning water!! Well, look it up. It was named Surtesy, a volcanic island a hundred miles or so due east of Iceland. By the time we left Iceland, five months later, the island was still shooting lava into the air the cone was over 700 feet high!! We saw it from the time it was well under the ocean till it became an active volcano. Still burning and smoking to this day!!And to think we were supposed to be looking for Soviet Subs, but found a volcano instead!! Much like this story!Best regards, John BrierError! Filename not specified. Subject: When This Boat Crew Realized............. Amazing they got to see this!!!

When This Boat Crew Realized What They Were Seeing, It Was Almost Too Late To Escape! We don't really think about it on a daily basis, but the Earth is still changing all the time.

It just happens so slowly that we can't really perceive it. But every now and then, things speed up... a lot.Recently, the crew of the Maiken was enjoying a leisurely sail through the South Pacific

when they spotted a strange discoloration on the water. They moved in closer to inspect

it, but by the time they realized what it was, it was too late. The crew of the Maiken was

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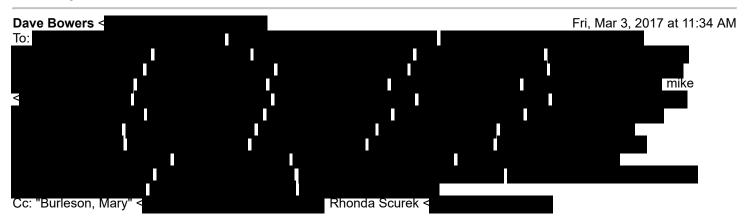
As they got closer, what they had taken to be a sandbar revealed itself to be something else entirely.

A huge amount of pumice stone was floating to the surface of the water. It looked like a beach. They decided to get a closer look and redirected their yacht towards it. It looks like a beach in the middle of the ocean! The crew decided to sail through it, leaving a break in the stone behind them as they went. They wondered what could have caused this expanse of stone to suddenly appear. The field of pumice was getting even larger as they passed through it. The crew had an uneasy feeling and upped their speed. Once they were a safe distance away, they heard a faint rumbling. Looking back they saw water bubbling from the surface. The source of the pumice stone was an underwater volcano that was actually erupting at the time! They anchored to watch this tremendous event. Massive plumes of smoke filled the sky. As the smoke cleared, they noticed something strange just at the water's surface... It was land! The stunned crew couldn't believe what they were seeing: It was the actual birth of a new island. They sailed a little bit closer to see if their eyes were playing tricks on them. But it was real. The peaks of this new land mass were already taking form. It was one of the rarest events imaginable!!! They were able to witness such an impossible sight... and also they apparently very narrowly escaped with their lives!



### Priivate to the Rittenhouse Society

11 messages



#### Rittenhouse Society message from Dave B

#### February 3, 2017,

Good day one and all! Happy New Year (somewhat retroactively) and all good wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2017.

My last message to you was on November 19. It is not too early to do some thinking about adding one or two new members at our annual breakfast in August. Compared to 1957 when the RS was founded (60 years ago—can you imagine that!!!!), when only a few people were interested in American numismatic research on a serious, in today's world of many more players in the field of numismatic research and writing and with specialized organizations growing, there are more qualified candidates than ever before. I belong to, perhaps, a dozen specialized organizations—and most of these have at least several writers/scholars who would be good candidates. We all want the RS to remain a "private club," so to speak, so we can enjoy our intimate annual breakfasts and camaraderie.

Apart from the RS perhaps someone else might like to start a society that could accommodate all qualified applicants interested in a combination of research and writing. This comment is a bit off topic, but scarcely a month goes by without someone saying that would be great if Person X could be a member.

As you know secretary pro tem I do not take nominations or discuss candidates. Our society does not accept applications. "Politicking" for candidates is discouraged. The way to nominate is to bring a name or names to our next annual meeting—at the ANA Convention in August at 7:30 on Saturday morning. If you cannot attend but wish to nominate someone, do this through a member friend (but not through me, as noted). We can probably accept one or two new members next year.

The idea as you all know and to reiterate the above is to keep the RS small, so that our annual meetings can be intimate and also affordable for our long-time host (Whitman Publications). Rhonda Scurke, our fine ANA friend who runs the conventions, has done groundwork for our August meeting, and I attach her comments.

Planning these breakfasts usually involves a bit of work for Rhonda and for me. The hotels view a society meeting as an occasion to have their Banquet Department take charge, whereas in the interest of reasonable cost for our host (Whitman) we try to be able to order off of the regular menu, but in a private room. This August will be the first time in many years where we have not had a room adjacent to the breakfast area.

I attach "standard RS stuff" from the past—to save your looking it up.

All good wishes,

Dave Bowers, secretary pro-tem

Good Morning Dave and Dennis,

I checked out the Sheraton, the WFM host hotel, yesterday with one of my main objectives checking out space for Rittenhouse. Good news, bad news on that. They do not have a room in the restaurant that you can use. They have reserved a great meeting room for Rittenhouse that includes windows and a view of downtown. They are going to work on a special menu for you. Once I have I will send your way.

Have a great weekend!

Take Care.

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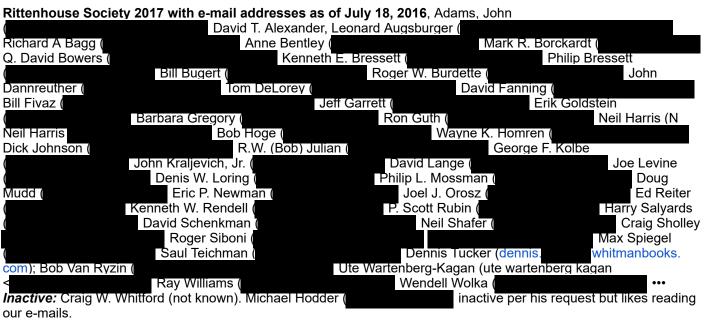
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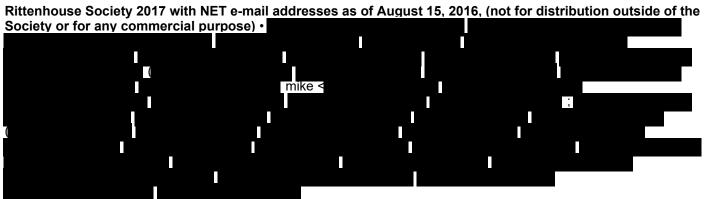
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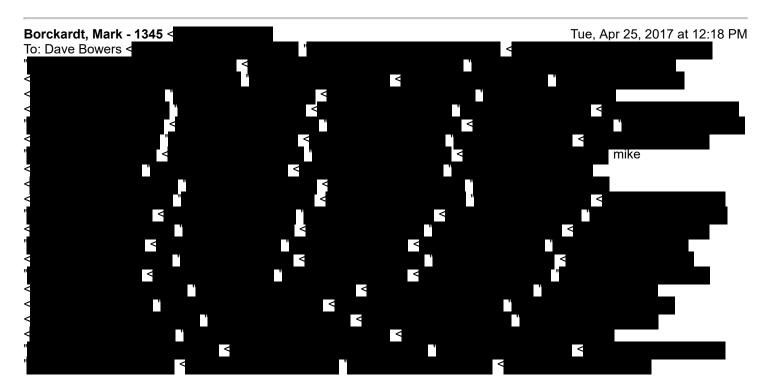


#### Greetings, all,

Just as an aside, be aware that there is a new this season TV show called "Timeless" which involves both time travel and an evil cabal named "Rittenhouse," which is the mother of all secret societies trying to take over the world. It was created by our own David Rittenhouse, whose character was assassinated by one of the main characters of the show back when the Revolutionary War was still on.

Why they chose this genuine historical figure to pick on I have no idea.

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#### Hi Everyone,

This past weekend at the EAC convention in Philadelphia, Gordon Wrubel shared the attached photograph from the first EAC meeting in New York City. Gordon is at the left, standing next to Dorothy Paschal. Dr. Sheldon is at the right. Can anyone identify the gentleman standing next to Sheldon? There has been a suggestion that it might be Edward Janis.

Thanks,

Mark

#### Mark Borckardt

Senior Numismatist/Cataloger

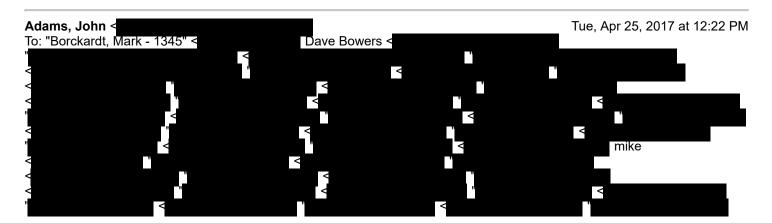
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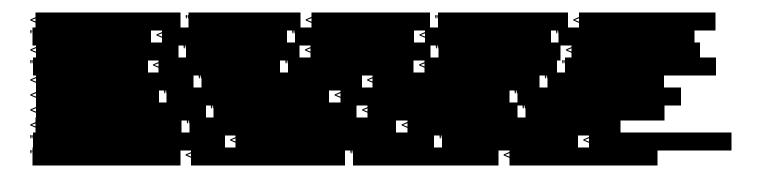
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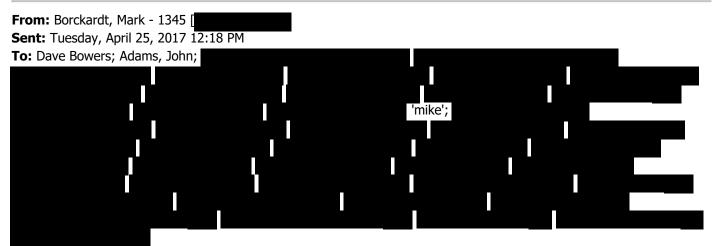
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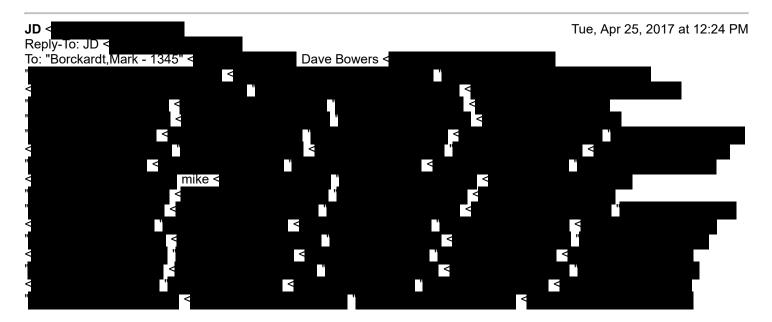
The photographer captured the Doc's all-knowing smile - Marvelous! Thank you for sharing.



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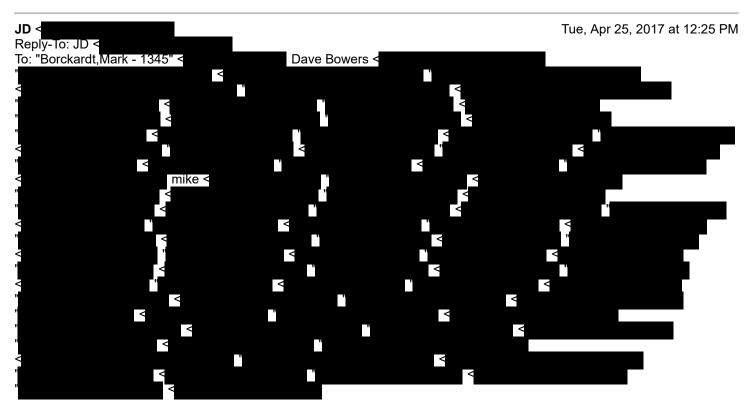




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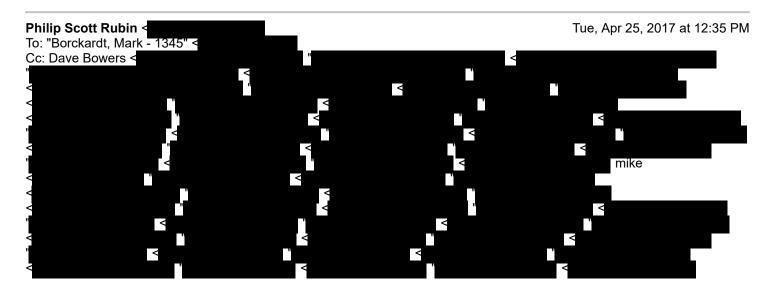
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Hi all, I too believe the 4th person is Ed Janis. Scott

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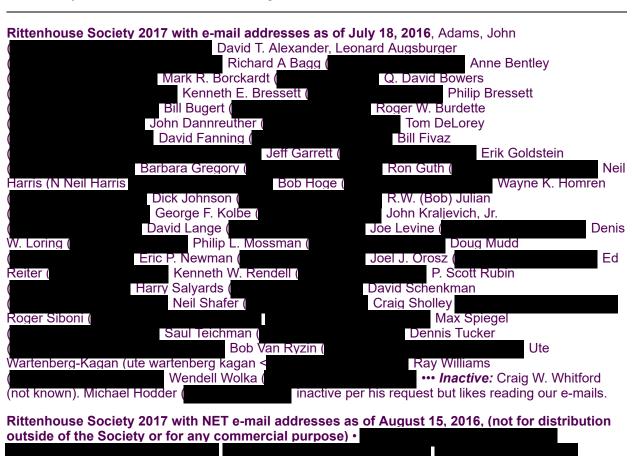
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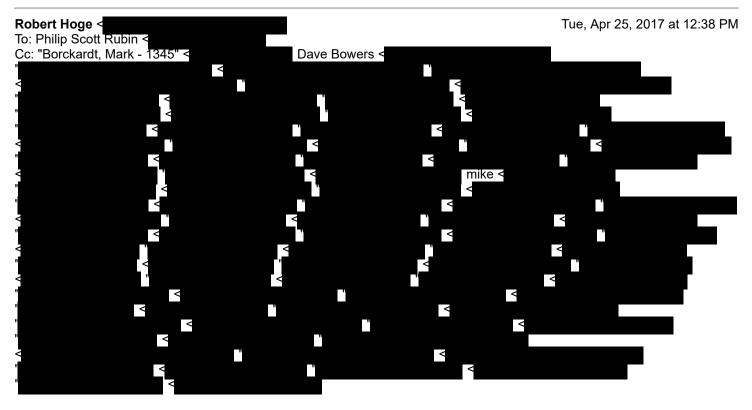
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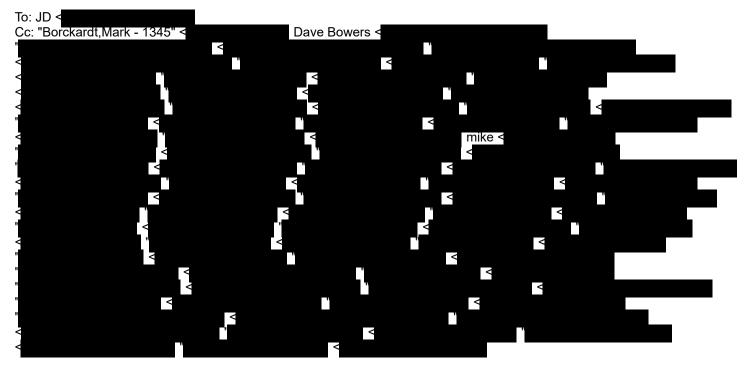
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Regards,

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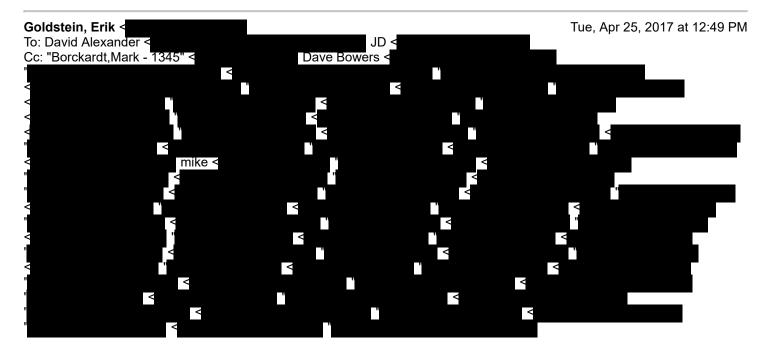
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The smiling visage in our photograph is definitely that of the late Edward Janis, a fellow past president of the New York Numismatic Club. I recall his persistent efforts to explain the origins of the Double Profiles of U.S. Large cents. He enjoyed a brouhaha and late in life engaged in verbal warfare with the late Morris Bram of AINA over acceptance of the Israel Government's sudden assertion that the Star of David that had been publicized as mint mark of Jerusalem was actually a privy mark distinguishing Unc. commemoratives from Proofs.

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For what it's worth, I remember Ed from my earliest days in the business, when he'd pop into Harmer Rook's offices on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of 3 E. 57<sup>th</sup> St., to argue about anything with Joe Rose!

Cheers,

Erik

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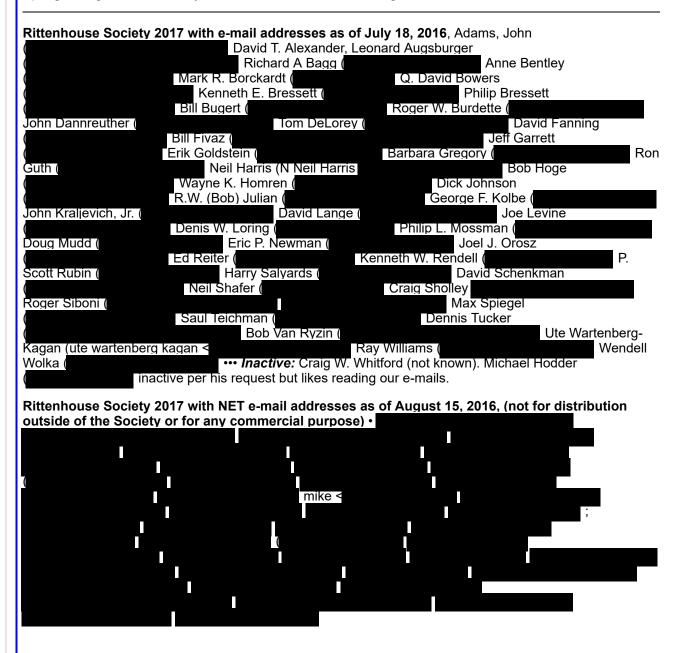
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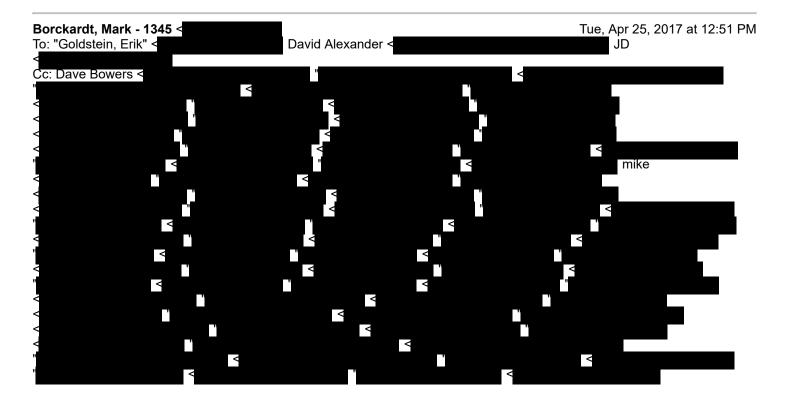
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roster from inception to the present (\* = Founding member in 1960): John W. Adams, David T. Alexander, Leonard Augsburger, Richard A Bagg, Anne Bentley, Mark R. Borckardt, Q. David Bowers\*, Kenneth E. Bressett\*, Philip Bressett, Bill Bugert, Roger W, Burdette, John Dannreuther, Tom DeLorey, David Fanning, Bill Fivaz, Jeff Garrett, Erik Goldstein, Barbara Gregory, Ron Guth, N. Neil Harris, Robert Hoge, Joe Levine, Wayne K. Homren, Dick Johnson\*, R.W. (Bob) Julian, George F. Kolbe, John Kraljevich, Jr., Dave Lange, Denis W. Loring, Doug Mudd, Philip L. Mossman, Eric P. Newman (our first honorary member, elected 1961), Joel J. Orosz, Ed Reiter, Kenneth W. Rendell\*, P. Scott Rubin, Harry Salyards, David Schenkman, Neil Shafer, Craig Sholley, Roger Siboni, Pete Smith, Max Spiegel, Saul Teichman, Dennis Tucker (our second honorary member), Bob Van Ryzin, Ute Wartenberg-Kagan, Ray Williams, and Wendell Wolka. • *Deceased:* Walter H. Breen\*, Grover Criswell\*, Dr. Richard ("Dick") Doty, John J. Ford, Jr. (never attended a meeting, but was elected by acclamation near the end of his life), George Fuld\*, Margo Russell, Hank Spangenberger, • *Inactive:* Lynn Glaser, Michael Hodder, Craig W. Whitford







Good stuff. Thanks for the responses.

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## **Happy Birthday**

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To:

Dave Bowers <

Thu, May 25, 2017 at 5:48 PM

Dear Eric!

Happy, Happy Birthday x 106!

Much love from Dave and Christie

I hope you are having a nice day.

All the best